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SUBJECT: ENMOD -- PRESS RELEASE

FOR MAX KRAUS, USIS

1. THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE TO BE ISSUED AUGUST 21.
2. BEGIN TEXT: THE CHIEF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CCD), WHO ARE ALSO CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE 31-NATION GENEVA-BASED COMMITTEE, TODAY TABLED, IN PARALLEL, IDENTICAL DRAFT TEXTS OF A "CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES."
3. THE DRAFT IS THE RESULT OF BILATERAL TALKS PURSUANT TO THE SUMMIT JOINT STATEMENT OF JULY 3, 1974 IN WHICH THE

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U.S. AND U.S.S.R. ADVOCATED EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO OVERCOME

THE DANGERS OF USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. THE TALKS BEGAN LAST NOVEMBER AND SPANNED THREE SESSIONS. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WERE CLOSE TO A COMMON APPROACH AT THE END OF THE LAST SESSION, HELD IN GENEVA IN JUNE, AND SINCE THEN CONTINUED TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE DRAFT TREATY.

4. THE QUESTION OF RESTRICTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICA-

TION TECHNIQUES HAS BEEN ON THE AGENDA OF THE CCD SINCE THE MATTER WAS REFERRED TO THAT BODY BY A UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION LAST FALL, AND SOME MULTILATERAL DISCUSSION HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE. THE CCD IS EXPECTED TO ADJOURN THE LAST WEEK IN AUGUST, SO IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT ITS MEMBERS WILL ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TREATY DRAFT DURING THE REMAINING DAYS.

5. THE TEXT OF THE JOINT TREATY DRAFT AND THE U.S. TABLING STATEMENT ARE ATTACHED. END TEXT.

6. Q'S AND A'S ARE BEING SENT SEPTTEL TO AMBASSADOR MARTIN FOR PRESS CONFERENCE USE FOLLOWING TABLING OF TREATY DRAFT. SUGGEST YOU DRAW ON THESE Q'S AND A'S FOR YOUR USE FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR MARTIN'S PRESS CONFERENCE. MAW

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